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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Date of Interview: 05 June 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wittwer et al. (US 6,503,720 B2).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant indicated that Wittwer et al. did not disclose a 'usable portion of a standard sigmoid curve' consistent with a range on the curve, but rather was limited to a point on the curve. The Examiner indicated that a point was maintained to be a 'portion' in the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim language and that Applicant's specification was regarding both points and ranges for the designation of 'usable'. The Examiner further maintained that Wittwer et al. appeared to include embodiments in which a plurality of points on the curve were being used, such that an amendment to the claims to specifically address a range would need to include language to overcome those embodiments of the reference. The Examiner further indicated that a tangible result in the claims would no longer be the criteria for maintaining the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101, but rather that the standard would be whether or not the specification included a practical application of the claimed invention.



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